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SUBJECT: US FLAG CARRIER PLANS CALL AT BEIRUT JAN 15

1. EUGENIO CAMPANNI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA FOR LYKES LINES, A U S FLAG SHIPPING COMPANY, CALLED AT EMBASSY JAN 6. HE SAID A LYKES SHIP WAS PLANNING TO CALL AT BEIRUT JAN 15 WITH 2,000 TONS OF FLOUR AND 500 TONS OF BULGAR WHEAT BEING DELIVERED FOR THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES PL 480 FOOD PROGRAM IN LEBANON.

2. CAMPANNI SAID HE HAD BEEN CHECKING AROUND TOWN, AND, AS FAR AS HE COULD TELL, THERE WAS NO SECURITY REASON WHY A U S FLAG CARRIER WITH A U S CREW SHOULD NOT CALL AT BEIRUT. HE ASKED FOR THE EMBASSY'S OPINION. WE TOLD HIM WE SAW NO PROBLEM ASSUMING CREW BEHAVED WITH REASONABLE DISCRETION. WE SAID WE WOULD ADVISE WASHINGTON. CAMPANNI SAID HIS COMPANY, WHICH HAS AN OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, HAD ALREADY ADVISED THE USG.

3. COMMENT: BEIRUT PORT, ALTHOUGH HEAVILY DAMAGED BY THE WAR, IS NOW AGAIN OPERATING, ON A MINIMAL BASIS. SOME HALF DOZEN SHIPS HAVE CALLED SINCE EARLY

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DECEMBER. SECURITY IN THE PORT AREA IS ASSURED BY SYRIAN "ARAB SECURITY FORCE" ELEMENTS. NO SHIP UNLOADING EQUIPMENT IS PRESENTLY OPERATIONAL, SO THAT SHIPS MUST USE THEIR OWN HOISTS, OR BE UNLOADED BY HAND. SINCE NO WAREHOUSING FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE, CARGOS MUST BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED BY TRUCK FROM THE PORT AREA. THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE HERE,

JOE CARMINE, IS WELL AWARE OF THESE CONSTRAINTS. THE
LYKES SHIP WILL, AS FAR AS WE KNOW, BE THE FIRST U S
FLAG CARRIER TO CALL AT BEIRUT SINCE THE WAR.

4. FOR WASHINGTON: IF THE DEPARTMENT OR ANY OTHER
WASHINGTON AGENCY PERCEIVES ANY PROBLEMS WITH LYKES'
PLANS, REQUEST ADVISE ASAP, EITHER THROUGH LYKES'
WASHINGTON OFFICE OR AT GENOA.

5. FOR GENOA: LYKES LINES AGENCY, INC. IS AT
PIAZZA CORVETTO 2/7, GENOA. OFFICE TELEPHONE
811651/2. CAMPANNI'S RESIDENCE TELEPHONE 219402.
TELEX 27067, 28403.

6. FYI: CRS INFORMS US THAT THE NEXT TWO PL 480
SHIPMENTS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ON JAN 23, 1500 TONS OF FLOUR AND 500 TONS OF WSB ON THE
"MADALENA;"

B. ON FEB 4, 350 TONS OF MILK AND 350 TONS OF OIL ON THE
"LASH 85-)8-."
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